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THE FOLLOWING ARE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS TAKEN FROM AN
ADVANCE COPY OF THE INDONESIA-PAPUA NEW GUINEA JOINT
COMMUNIQUE WHICH WILL BE ISSUED ON MAY 21, 1978:

BEGIN QUOTE:

DURING HIS VISIT MINISTER OLEWALE PAID A COURTESY
CALL ON H.E. PRESIDENT SOEHARTO AT THE MERDEKA PALACE,
ON WHICH OCCASION HE RENEWED THE INVITATION EXTENDED BY
PRIME MINISTER SOMARE FOR HIS TO VISIT PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
MINISTER OLEWALE ALSO PAID COURTESY CALLS ON H.E. THE
VICE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MASHURI,
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H.E. MINISTER COORDINATOR FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY
AFFAIRS, GENERAL MARADEN PANGGABEAN, AND OTHER CABINET
MINISTERS.

THE TWO MINISTERS DISCUSSED A WIDE RANGE OF BILATERAL,
REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS.
THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY

ATMOSPHERE REFLECTING THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDONESIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

ON THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE EXISTING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FORM A FIRM BASIS FOR A FURTHER EXPANSION OF MUTUAL COOPERATION.

THE TWO MINISTERS REVIEWED MATTERS PERTAINING TO BORDER ARRANGEMENTS AND RECOGNIZED THE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER FOSTERING GOODWILL, UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS IN THIS RESPECT.

TO ACHIEVE THIS THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD MEET IN ORDER TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE BORDER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL BE DUE FOR REVIEW IN NOVEMBER 1979.

ON MATTERS EFFECTING THE MUTUAL BORDER BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND IN PARTICULAR CONCERNING THOSE PERSONS SEEKING PERMISSIVE RESIDENCE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA MINISTER OLEWALE OUTLINED THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS AND ISSUES FACED BY PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN HANDLING THE SITUATION. MINISTER OLEWALE ADDED THAT THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT WISHED TO ACT RESPONSIBLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HUMANILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TARIAN ASPECTS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

MINISTER OLEWALE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IN NO WAY WILL ADJUDICATE OR SUPPORT ELEMENTS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND REAFFIRMED THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PRESIDENT SOEHARTO AND PRIME MINISTER SOMARE IN 1977 IN WHICH IT WAS NOTED THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES SHOULD NOT BE USED TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE OTHER. MINISTER OLEWALE ASSURED HIS COUNTERPART THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL TAKE FIRM AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THIS PLEDGE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF INDONESIA ACKNOWLEDGED THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE RESPONSIBLE MANNER IN WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA WAS HANDLING THIS PROBLEM.

BOTH MINISTERS AGREED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR MUTUAL POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES PARTICULARLY FOR THE BORDER AREA. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BUT ALSO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC

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AND SOCIAL LIFE OF COMMUNITIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER
AND THUS COMBAT THE NEGATIVE RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED
BY ELEMENTS ACTING AGAINST THE INTEREST OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDONESIA.

BOTH MINISTERS ASSERTED THAT THE TRANSIENT NATURE OF
THIS BORDER PROBLEM WILL IN NO WAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE
STRONG AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING ECONOMIC
RELATIONS, THE TWO MINISTERS DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS
OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION INCLUDING TECHNICAL COOPERATION,
TRADE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF INDONESIAN ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP
SKILLS AND KNOWHOW IN VARIOUS FIELDS. PROJECTS ENABLING
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONALS TO BE TRAINED IN INDONESIA ARE
ENVISAGED. IN THIS REGARD IT WAS AGREED THAT OFFICIALS
OF BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD MEET TO FIND PRACTICAL WAYS AND
MEANS TOWARDS REALIZATION OF SUCH COOPERATION.

MINISTER OLEWALE INFORMED THE INDONESIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER OF THE DECISION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW
GUINEA TO ESTABLISH A 200 MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE
AS FROM THE 31ST OF MARCH 1978. THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED
THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE HELD
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO SETTLE THE REMAINING
UNRESOLVED SEA AND SEABED BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES.

FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA INFORMED HIS
COLLEAGUE ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDONESIA AND THE POSI-
TIVE RESULTS OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESSIVE
FIVE YEAR PLANS.

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ON HIS PART THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA GAVE AN EXPOSE OF THE IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER SOMARE.

THE INDONESIA FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE A REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS ATTAINED BY ASEAN IN ITS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH PROSPERITY AND STABILITY IN THE AREA.

THE PAPUEA NEW GUINEA FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMED HIS INDONESIAN COLLEAGUE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM OF WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS A MEMBER.

THE TWO MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE POLICY OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO REALIZE DURABLE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION, AND EXPRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER CLOSELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO THAT END. THEY ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLINING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN POLICIES AND REAFFIRMED THEIR GOVERNMENTS POLICY TO RESPECT EACH OTHERS' NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

MINISTER OLEWALE INFORMED THE INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM SUBMITTED TO ASEAN FOR CONSIDERATION TO HAVE AN INFORMAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED HIS READINESS TO RAISE IT AT THE NEXT ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING.

DURING HIS STAY IN INDONESIA MINISTER OLEWALE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT PLACES OF INDUSTRIAL, CULTURAL AND DEVELOPMENT INTEREST IN A NUMBER OF PROVINCES. IN

THOSE PROVINCES THE MINISTER TALKED TO LOCAL ADMINISTRATION
OFFICIALS AS WELL AS PROMINENT LEADERS AND
WITNESSED INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BEING CARRIED OUT
BY THE GOVERNMENT TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION.
THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOREIGN MINISTER CONGRATULATED THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA ON THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN
DEVELOPING THESE PROVINCES.

MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA INFORMED THE PAPUA
NEW GUINEA FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE PROGRESS OF RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT BEING CARRIED OUT IN EAST TIMOR.

MINISTER OLEWALE REAFFIRMED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION
AS EXPRESSED BY PRIME MINISTER SOMARE ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS VISIT TO INDONESIA IN 1977 THAT EAST TIMOR IS ENTIRELY
A DOMESTIC MATTER FOR THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT.
MINISTER OLEWALE FURTHER STATED THAT HIS VISIT TO EAST
TIMOR IS A CONFIRMATION OF THE STAND TAKEN BY THE PAPUA
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